

Success for All



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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of your child's educational experience at Nene Valley Primary School, we aim to promote personal well-being and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health Education based on the Cambridgeshire scheme of work. This gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives both now and in the future.

As you may be aware the Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education following a nationwide consultation. These changes were due to come into effect in September 2020. Due to current circumstances this has been delayed to the Summer Term of 2021 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being. Consequently Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) along with Health Education will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered and enable us to reach a general consensus. As a result, as part of our curriculum review we would like your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which are on our school website. (See link below)



As we are still in these difficult times and holding meetings in school is not possible, it makes it a little more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements please follow the links below to our school website which we would encourage you to read. This includes:

- A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school
- FAQs
- Our proposed draft policy
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements
- A copy of the presentation added after the online meeting with parents

This can all be found on the school website using this link:

<https://www.nenevalleyprimary.net/page/?title=Relationships+and+Sex+Education&pid=115>

Nene Valley Primary School started our consultation on Monday 8th February 2021 and it will close on Monday 22nd February 2021. The draft policy and relevant documents are available on the school website for you to read.

Please complete the questionnaire using the link included below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Kkf2lRj2w0-9QijC0scP5NtJZ7u613BNpEvjw108EkJUNFoyWFNFRkEwN1ZCTFRZRII1MjJXUVdCRC4u>

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later in the Spring Term. Once we have considered all the feedback, the updated RSE policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the curriculum for your information.

I hope this letter and the attached information goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Gilbert
PSHCE Coordinator

